

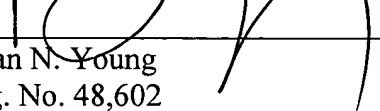
**REMARKS / ARGUMENTS**

Applicants have amended claim 18 to correct antecedent basis issues. Claims 1-8 and 14-22 remain pending. Applicants note that an appeal brief is being filed concurrently and request entry of this amendment after final.

Applicant respectfully submits that the present claims are in condition for allowance and an early Notice of Allowance is earnestly sought. The undersigned may be contacted at the telephone number below at the Examiner's convenience if it would help in the prosecution of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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